

Remarks

It is desired to thank the Examiner for a telephone interview on March 29, 2005, during which it was agreed that amending the claims to recite that, in applicant's technique, each router node is controlled by software processing and management information "for simultaneously routing the data packets along at least more than one of the paths between the input router node and the output terminal router nodes", functionally distinguishes from the cited reference.

Independent claims 1 and 6 have been so amended herein, (and thus the remaining dependent claims, also).

Reconsideration and allowance are thus believed to be in order and are accordingly respectfully requested.

Any cost required by this filing, including for any required time extensions, petition for which is hereby made, may be charged to the Deposit Account No. 18-1425 of the undersigned attorneys.

Very respectfully,

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